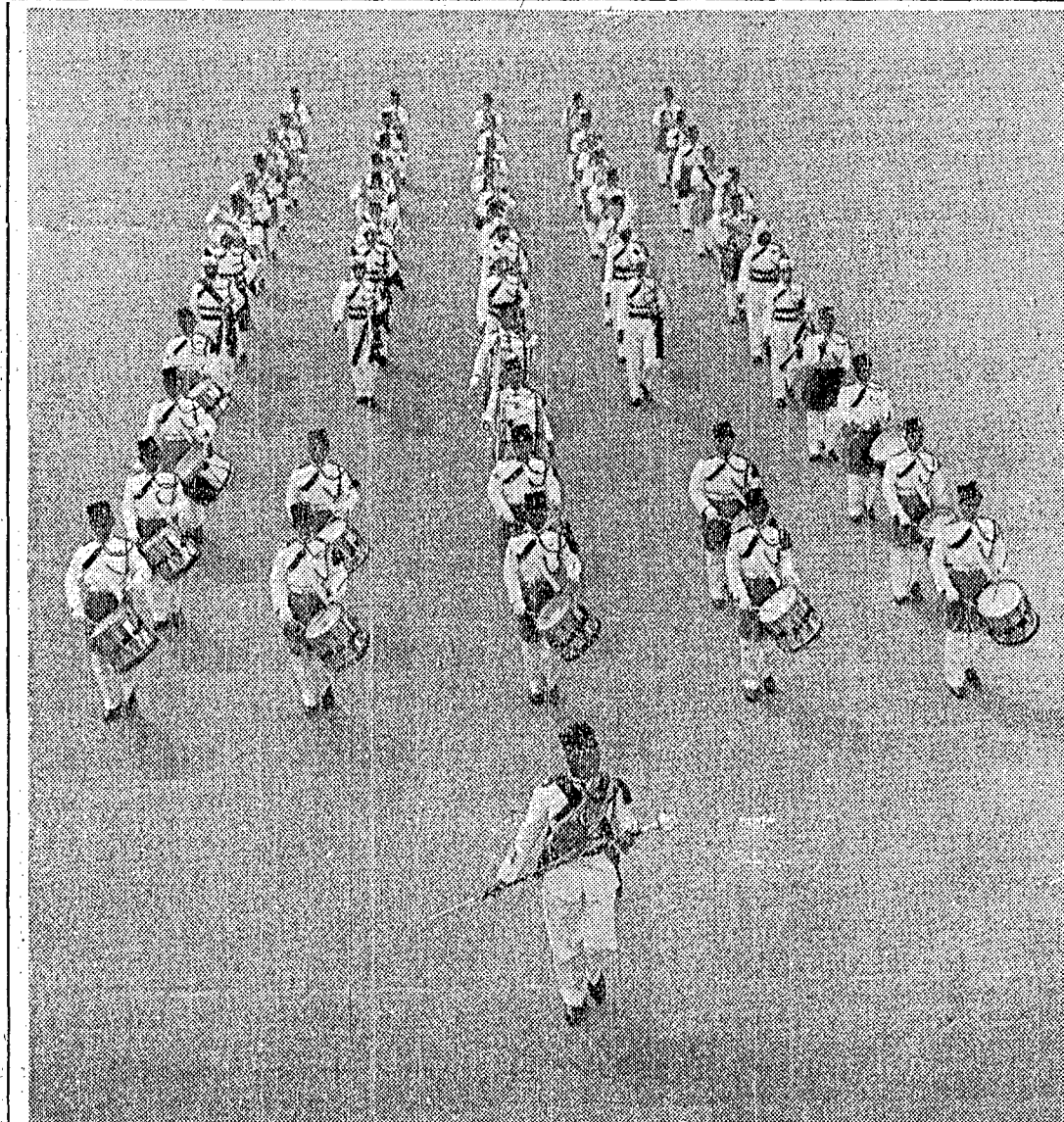


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## IT PLAYS AND POPS OUT AGAIN

Phillippe Winter, a Swiss economics student now at Cambridge, has invented a new kind of record player. It is something like a toast-rack, and each record is inserted vertically through a slot in the top.

The record plays, then pops out again—just like the slice of bread from an electric toaster.

Among the advantages claimed for this "toastiphone" are its small compact size—only ten inches by eight inches—and its ability to play small-sized discs on dry batteries only.

## THE BIBLE LEADS

The world's most widely translated book last year was The Bible. Next came the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin. But old favourites such as the fairy tales of Grimm and Andersen, and the Arabian Nights, were high up on the list; they were translated into more than 15 languages in the same year.

The countries which published the greatest numbers of translations were Germany, France, Poland, Italy, Israel, and Japan.

## Malayan band on parade

The military band of the Federation of Malaya Police with pipes and drums, rehearsing at the Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich. After their appearance at the Royal Tournament, the band is to make a tour of England and Scotland.

## LITERARY CRICKET

Several English and Australian Test cricketers will be playing in the same side next Wednesday on the Westminster School ground—for the Authors in their annual match against the National Book League.

D. R. Jardine will be captain, and among those he will lead on to the field will be Len Hutton, P. G. H. Fender, Ian Peebles, and three doughty Australians in Arthur Morris, Ben Barnett, and Jack Fingleton. It looks as though the National Book League, undefeated in their nine previous annual matches against the Authors, will have to look to their laurels if they are to retain their record.

A special treat for the spectators will be the sight of Len Hutton and Arthur Morris opening the same innings. Another unusual feature of the occasion will be a marquee exhibition of books—all about cricket.

## DRIVEN FROM THEIR BOMB-SITE HOMES

London is gradually losing its war scars, and with them it is losing many of the birds and plants which flourished on the derelict sites and were studied by amateur naturalists from nearby offices.

Records have been kept, however, and of particular interest among them will be the films made by Mr. W. G. Teagle of the colony of black redstarts which made their homes in the ruins. These birds have been vanishing as new buildings have reached their nesting sites. Last year some 20 pairs nested in the City, but this year only a few pairs have been seen.

Plant life has been astonishingly varied on the bomb sites. A team of amateur botanists have found no fewer than 340 species since they began their survey nearly ten years ago.

## DOWN THE DEPTHS OF GAPING GILL

### Young Alan's adventure in the limestone cave

Ten-year-old Alan Mattinson, whose parents keep a shop in the Lancashire town of Colne, was staying with relatives in Yorkshire when he heard that a Bradford cave-exploring club was making descents of Gaping Gill, near Ingleborough. He was able to join them, and here is the story of his adventure at the bottom of this 340-foot pothole.

WHEN Alan heard about Gaping Gill it did not take him long to persuade his aunt to take him there. And before long he found himself sitting in a bosun's chair, dangling over that dim, impressive drop through the crust of the earth. Firmly strapped in, he looked at the 360 feet of wire which connects it to a petrol-driven winch, took a deep breath, and shouted to the winch-operator, "Not too fast!"

Brakes were released and slowly Alan began to descend. When he was clear of some overhanging rocks the speed quickened breathlessly. In 20 seconds he had swooped to the bottom, blinking in the half light, with the thunder of waterfalls in his ears.

Bright lights were bobbing here and there, as though glow-worms were living down here in Gaping Gill. But they were lamps fastened

to the headgear of other potholers.

Alan looked at the pool which lies at the bottom of the pothole; at the huge pebbly floor, and then at the Chamber itself, which was grey and vaulted, like the nave of a cathedral. His eyes were getting used to the dimness.

The sky was merely a tiny patch of grey far above, with the spray from waterfalls glistening in the cold air. It was certainly chilly—about 42 degrees—and Alan watched his breath rising like steam.

### QUICK DESCENT

By this time the bosun's chair was rising away from him to the surface to fetch another potholer, slithering up a strong guide wire which kept it clear of the waterfalls. Though it takes only 20 seconds to descend Gaping Gill, four minutes must be allowed for the ascent. The petrol engine which winds up the chair has some heavy work to perform.

Alan was told that Gaping Gill was descended for the first time in 1895. A little Frenchman, Monsieur Martel, courageously climbed down with the aid of a rope ladder.

Then Alan set out on a journey of exploration with some grown-ups and older boys. Stumbling over the uneven floor, he clambered up a muddy slope which leads to the East Passage, and saw his first cluster of stalactites. These milky-white objects which hang down from the roofs of limestone caves grow gradually as the result of a steady dripping of mineral-laden water. Other formations grow up from the floor to meet them. They are called stalagmites.

### IN GRANDFATHER'S DAY

When the time came for the return, Alan was once more strapped into the bosun's chair, and slowly it rose up the huge shaft, through the spray of the waterfall, to the bright and dazzling sunshine of the surface.

He enjoyed his visit to the floor of Gaping Gill.

And later his grandfather happened to mention that he had watched Monsieur Martel make that first successful descent just over 60 years ago!

## COLD WIND DOWN LENIN STREET

At Mirny Settlement in the Antarctic a group of Soviet weather men are preparing to face some of the world's most bitter conditions in the interests of modern science.

Like the British and other parties now in the Antarctic, they are studying the climate for its own sake and also to help explain its influence on the weather elsewhere.

They are making trips by tractor-sledge over the ice plateau, facing severe winds, frost, and snowstorms, and are always glad to be "home" again, even if "home" consists only of a few snowbound huts huddled alongside a windswept street, which has been christened Lenin Street.

The men of Mirny Settlement are already in radio communication with the Australian and French expeditions in other parts of the Antarctic.

### RETURN TICKET

Niels Lilja returned the other day from America to Denmark. It was in 1921 that he crossed the Atlantic in the other direction, as a deckhand. Now he has come home for the first time, but travelling in a suite on the liner Kungsholm, for he is now a millionaire.



## OUR COLONIAL SECRETARY

*With the exception of the Premier and the Foreign Secretary, no statesman of our day faces a greater variety of grave problems than Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, Britain's Colonial Secretary for the past two years. His career and some of the problems he now faces are outlined below by the C N Press Gallery Correspondent.*

THE British Commonwealth consists of the former Dominions, now self-governing member states, and a vast range of Colonies, of bewildering variety, which have reached various stages along the road to self-government.

When we consider the domain controlled by the Colonial Secretary we think of British territories in Africa, South-East Asia, and a



The Rt. Hon. Alan Lennox-Boyd

string of "little Britains," islands vital to defence and communications because of their position on the map.

Without these colonies Britain's security and the livelihood of all her people could be threatened. But Britain has recognised the growing demand for independence. Thus the problem facing Mr. Lennox-Boyd is to reconcile this demand with defence needs and the fitness of these communities for self-government, some being less advanced than others.

Alan Tindal Lennox-Boyd is 6 feet 5½ inches, and is one of the tallest M.P.s and certainly the tallest Cabinet Minister. He was born 52 years ago, a Lowland Scot whose family head was a laird. From Sherborne School he won a scholarship to Oxford University, entering Christ Church a few years after Sir Anthony Eden had left that college.

### NATURAL CHOICE

Throughout his life he has been a fast and fluent speaker, with an agile mind. He was a natural choice at Oxford for the presidency of the Union and of the Conservative Association.

From Oxford he went on a university debating tour in the United States. Even in those days he was Empire-conscious. One may be glad that he, like Earl Attlee, did not pursue a career at the Bar but entered politics instead.

After failing to win a South Wales seat in 1929, he was elected in 1931 for the Mid-Bedfordshire seat which he has held ever since. He had a stormy career as a back-bencher, coming slowly to recognise the Hitler threat to world peace.

His brother was murdered by the Gestapo shortly before war broke out, and Lennox-Boyd was one of many M.P.s who joined the Services.

After three years in a coastal torpedo-boat he was summoned by Sir Winston Churchill to serve in the Ministry of Aircraft Production. (Before the war really started he had held junior posts at the Ministries of Labour, Home Security, and Food.)

Colonial subjects had always held his attention; for even in his university days his ambition was to be Colonial Secretary. He did not achieve this until he had first served a hard-working apprenticeship under the late Mr. Oliver Stanley when the Conservatives went into Opposition after the war.

The "Stanley group" thought out a new Tory approach to the Colonies. Mr. Lennox-Boyd had some share in applying this as Minister of State for the Colonies under Mr. Lyttelton (now Viscount Chandos) when the Tories returned to power in 1951.

### FITNESS PROVED

But he had to prove his fitness for senior office—which he did as Transport Minister—before he became Colonial Secretary in July 1954.

If for nothing else, Mr. Lennox-Boyd will be counted among the great Colonial Secretaries because of the new deal which he has given the Colonial Service, now known as the Oversea Civil Service.

This is tied up with the whole problem of self-government and, by creating a "pool," ensures that no colony bound on the course to independence lacks the services of British experts, who also can be transferred to the "pool" and sent elsewhere if a colony no longer needs them.

But Mr. Lennox-Boyd will be judged by the skill with which he solves the Cyprus problem, aggravated by violence, and the future of Singapore, Aden, and Malta.

### Engine cleaners



Two young visitors to Chessington Zoo, Surrey, arrived early enough to help Mr. Harold Lowe clean the model engine which carries a quarter of a million passengers round the grounds every year.

## Playing fields problem

The House of Lords has always been distinguished for the quality of debate. And in modern times, when the Commons have been preoccupied with so many major issues of policy, the Lords have been able to discuss many important subjects which otherwise would be ignored.

Take playing fields, for instance. Lord Mancroft, Under-Secretary to the Home Office, recently explained the Government's case. He pointed out that for every person in this country taking an active part in one sport or another, 26,000 to 30,000 are "simply watching."

He added: "The sooner we can get those figures into reverse the better." The figures apply to Saturday afternoon.

### HELP AVAILABLE

The provision of playing fields in our crowded island is not a simple matter, but under the 1944 Education Acts, local education authorities can get a playing fields grant for old and new schools.

Under the Physical Training Act, 1937, local councils can help in keeping playing fields in good condition and the Exchequer provides grants for this work.

In addition, of course, various voluntary and charitable bodies provide recreation fields without asking for the taxpayer's money.

Nevertheless, the Government pays a higher rate of grant if the work of providing and equipping playing fields is carried out by voluntary labour.

In recent years the economic situation of the country has, of course, affected the amount of money which can be provided. But last year, when restrictions were taken off, the Government spent £142,000, compared with £6000 in the previous year.

Whether that figure is maintained this year will depend on the "credit squeeze"—Mr. Macmillan's effort, supplementing Mr. Butler's, to put Britain's finances in order.

### EXPENSIVE BATHS

The most expensive item under the broad general head of playing fields is represented by swimming baths. Recently the Government had to turn down a scheme in the Manchester area for a swimming bath to cost £250,000.

During the last financial year—ending last April—the Government approved schemes for 73 playing fields and 55 pavilions, apart from school playing schemes.

Lord Mancroft pointed out that there may be some connection between the fall in the figures for juvenile offences and the increase in the number of new playing fields in the past few years.

### OUT CAME A CANNON-BALL

While taking down a six-foot hedge at Par, a Cornish farmer dislodged a well-preserved cannon-ball weighing six pounds. It is thought to be a relic of the battle fought on the high ground at nearby Tywardreath during the Civil War.

## News from Everywhere

Over 10,000 different matchbox labels were exhibited in Birmingham recently by a label club.

Three members of Britain's Antarctic team have gone to the Jotunheimen Mountains in Norway to test snow tractors under conditions likely to be met in the Far South.

Sixty out-of-date police boxes at Bradford have been sold as garden huts and tool sheds.

### THEIR FIRST SNOW

Johannesburg has had its first snowfall for eleven years. Many of the children who hurried to make snowmen had never seen snow before.

A party of 30 British schoolboys are to tour Canada in August under the W.H. Rhodes Canada Education Trust.

Pipelines have been laid from several Austrian Tirolean mountain farms to convey the milk to the valleys before it goes sour.

### EXHIBITION OF VALOUR

The Victoria Cross Centenary Exhibition is being held from June 15 until July 7 at Marlborough House, London. Among the exhibits will be the first V.C. awarded.

A Roman kitchen and oven have been discovered by archaeologists on the Lullingstone Villa site in Kent.

### TONS OF MONEY

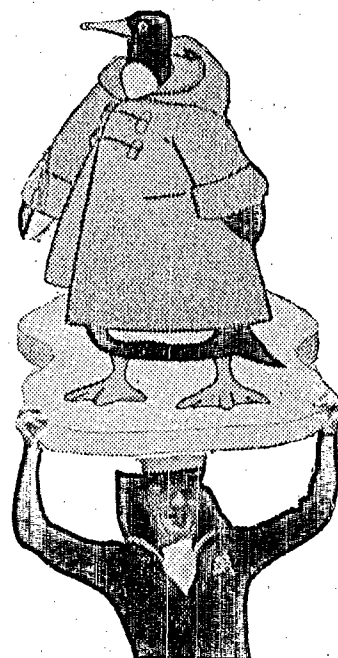
Over five-and-a-half million coins were struck by the Royal Mint last year. Sixty per cent were for home use.

The first whooping crane ever born in captivity hatched out recently at a New Orleans Zoo. It is thought that there are only about 30 of these birds in the world.

A direct air service between Britain and Moscow may be established as a result of discussions now being held by British and Soviet officials.

A partridge has nested on a railway siding at Calverton Colliery, Nottinghamshire, where train wheels pass within three inches of the nest.

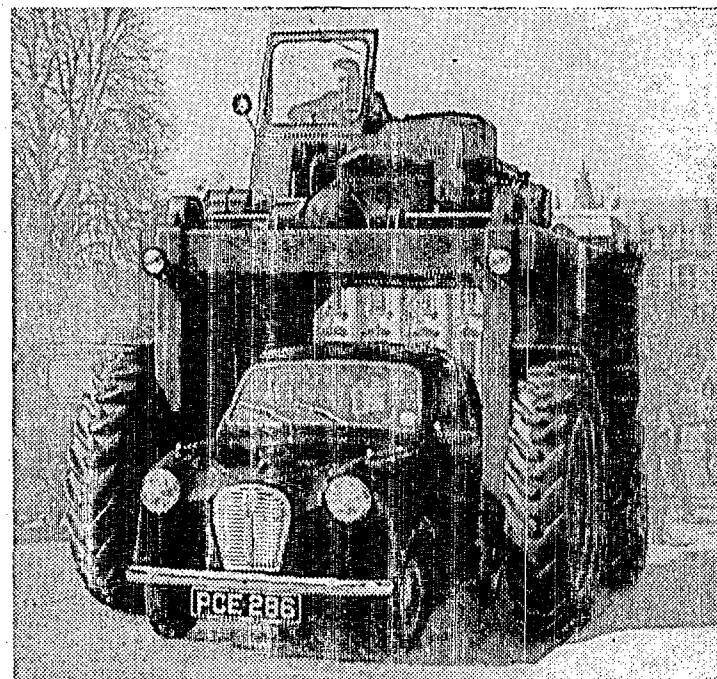
### Protector's penguin



H.M.S. Protector, the armed net-layer which went to the aid of the Theron when she was trapped in the Weddell Sea, arrived back in Portsmouth recently. Here Able-Bodied Robert McSherry of Blantyre is holding his ship's mascot.

### MOUNTAIN ORANGES

Oranges have been picked from a tree growing near glaciers some 6500 feet up in the Swiss Alps. The tree has been raised behind glass.



### Over the top

The Straddle Carrier is used in industry for carrying awkward loads when cranes or overhead gantries are not available. On test it has lifted a load 23 feet long, weighing 7½ tons, carried it 220 yards and returned to its starting point in 80 seconds. A small car fits easily into its cargo space.



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## WEEVIL IN THE WOOD

Robin Hood's countryside is threatened by an enemy he could not have dealt with.

Millions of weevils are killing the pine trees in Sherwood Forest. They feed on the sap from the trunks and lay their eggs beneath the bark, and have already devastated 40,000 Forestry Commission trees. The Blidworth and Clipstone areas are most affected, and all North Nottinghamshire forestry workers have been drafted there to deal with the threat.

Every pine already attacked is being chopped down, and weevil traps are also being used.

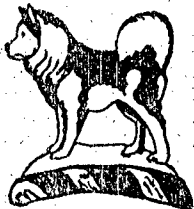
## ADDITIONS TO THE HERALDIC ZOO

Two animals new to heraldry are prominent on coats-of-arms recently approved by the Queen. The Arctic narwhal is on the crest of the new arms of the Canadian Northwest Territories; the husky dog



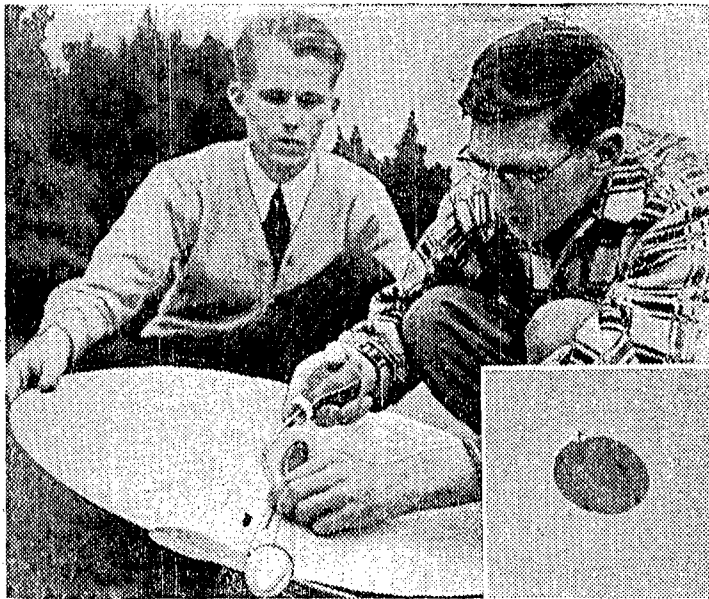
is on the Yukon Territory arms.

The narwhal is a species of whale with a spiral-shaped tusk of ivory, up to eight feet long. Sailors in days gone by called it the sea unicorn. Narwhals have been known to charge at a ship and pierce its timbers with this tusk, a most formidable weapon.



The two narwhals on the Northwest Territories' new coat-of-arms are on either side of a compass design, representing the magnetic pole. On the shield below is a wavy blue line symbolising the Northwest Passage.

On the crest of the new Yukon arms a husky dog is shown on a mount of snow. On the shield below is a blue and gold wavy stripe representing the Yukon River.



## Canadian flying saucer

When members of the Vancouver Gas Model Club hear that a flying saucer has been seen in their neighbourhood, they guess that two of their members, Jack Barnes and Glen Holm, have been out with their model again. It has a diameter of 30 inches and flies at 60 m.p.h. (Inset) The model in flight.

## FIGHT IN A POST OFFICE

Late one night in the village post office at Oakley, Suffolk, there was a fearful commotion. In the darkness an owl was attacking a terrified swallow which it had chased down the chimney.

Eventually the owl was put outside. The swallow was allowed to stay the night in the safety of the house, and in the morning it laid an egg.

## CANADA IN ENGLAND

A Canadian village is rising on English soil at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire. Some 200 bungalows and houses are being built there for families of men of the Royal Canadian Air Force based at Langar.

The village is expected to be ready for them in 18 months' time.

## NATURE PARLIAMENT

What might be called a World Parliament of Nature is being held in Edinburgh next week.

Its proper title is the General Assembly of the International Union for the Protection of Nature, and one of its aims is to protect plant and animal life of special scientific or historic importance. For instance, it is alert for threats to famous forests which may be threatened by Army activities.

Over 200 organisations from 45 countries will be represented, and they will have their own film festival during the assembly.

## BLINKING OWL WAS THE CULPRIT

People living near Peaseholm Park, Scarborough, were finding their TV reception seriously interfered with. It was thought that one of the illuminated animal models in the famous Tree Walk might be the cause.

Mechanics checked up and found that the owl's winking eyes were causing the trouble.

The owl still stands guard on the Tree Walk paths, but its time-switch has been cut out, and so it stares steadily into the night, without batting an eyelid.

## NEW ZAMBESI BRIDGE

Rhodesia claims that it now has the world's longest suspension bridge for pedestrians. Seven hundred feet long, it spans the Zambesi at the Kariba Gorge, and was opened recently by Lord Llewellyn, Governor-General of the Federation.

It is only the fourth bridge over the Zambesi, which is about 1600 miles long.

## LONE VOYAGER

Major Adrian Hayter has spent the last six years travelling from England to New Zealand in his yawl, Sheila II. He sailed alone and covered 18,000 miles. Among his adventures was a 78-days crossing of the Tasman Sea.

## SECRET RITES FILMED

The first films ever made of the Aborigines' secret rites will be kept by the Australian Film Bureau at Canberra. But only special audiences may see them, as an assurance had to be given, before they were made, that they would not be shown commercially, or to any other Aborigines.

It is believed that the cameraman was only the third white man to witness the full cycle of ceremonies.

The rites depicted, with sound tracks, are based on sacred myths, and are carried out in utmost privacy by the Arunta, Kukajta, and Matuntara tribes.

## BATTLE HONOURS UP TO DATE

The First Battalion of the West Riding Regiment, known as the Duke of Wellington's, has become the first infantry battalion in the British Army to receive new colours with battle honours of the 1939-1945 war.

The regiment was formed in the 18th century from the 33rd and 76th Foot, in both of which the Iron Duke served, and these new colours were presented by the present Duke of Wellington.

In presenting the colours the Duke reminded the men that their regiment was the only one in the British Army which bore the name of an individual who was not of Royal blood.



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## Danny tries a tune

The instrument Danny Kaye is trying to play in King George's Gardens, Jerusalem, is a popular one with young people in Israel. Danny is on a mission with Unicef.



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RADIO AND TV

## AMONG THE BUSHMEN

## Gipsy girl

IF you are watching the BBC version of *The Black Brigand* which started last Sunday you have already made the acquaintance of Catherine Feller, who plays the Spanish gipsy girl, Janella, in this story by Alexandre Dumas.

Catherine, who is only 17, won the part almost by accident. She was spotted by producer Dorothea Brooking, who happened to walk into the studio some weeks ago while she was rehearsing for another play, *A Flea off Pepe*. Her appearance is ideal for the part. She has dark copper-coloured hair



Catherine Feller

and flashing eyes which any real gipsy girl might envy. Though born in France, she says French is her weakest language, but she is fluent in English, Italian, and German.

Before the serial began, Catherine Feller spent several days with members of the cast, filming bandit skirmishes in the Cheddar Gorge.

## Friend Jacko

SANDY SANDFORD is keeping quiet about Jacko, the little friend who joins him in his new series in BBC Children's TV starting this Wednesday evening (June 13). Jacko, as CN readers would guess, is full of monkey tricks.

WHEN the noted explorer and author, Laurens Van Der Post, was a boy, he met two survivors of the dwindling race of African Bushmen. And he vowed that when he grew up he would seek out this tribe. On Friday in BBC Television we can see the results of his quest in the first of six weekly film programmes called *The Lost World of Kalahari*.

Producer Andrew Miller Jones tells me that Colonel Van Der Post took 45,000 feet of film on a three-month trek last autumn which started at the Victoria Falls. The pictures reveal extraordinary understanding between Van Der Post and the Bushmen.



Laurens Van Der Post

## Reporter detective

HOMER JACKSON is a BBC Children's Hour detective, we do not hear often enough. On Saturday this Liverpool crime reporter with the Irish brogue will be heard for the first time this year in another radio adventure, helped by his junior-reporter friend, Jimmy Taylor. Bryden Murdoch, who plays Homer, is a Scot despite the Irish accent. The Homer Jackson stories are written by Margaret Potter, who has herself worked as a reporter.

## Keeping it taped

THE time may not be far distant when TV programmes in Britain will be played over from spools of tape, just as sound radio programmes are today. This system of Electronic Photography, as it is called, was recently described in London by Mr. C. A. Mayer, of the Radio Corporation of America. The tape, he said, can be preserved indefinitely, or can be electrically erased and re-used again and again.

The recording of TV pictures, Mr. Mayer points out, involves frequencies 200 times higher than the top frequency of sound records.

## Their own back

ANYBODY who has ever squirmed in class when asked to spell a really difficult word will sympathise with Roy Ward Dickson, the Canadian TV quizmaster who is to conduct Associated-Rediffusion's new game of wits, which starts this Thursday. It is called Turnabout, because people who have answered certain questions correctly are entitled to quiz the quizmaster on spelling. They are given a big dictionary and allowed a fortnight in which to find three really difficult words. If they beat him they stay in the competition.

Each session will end with a free-for-all in which members of the audience can bombard Dickson with spelling posers.

## Under the flag of a famous ship

H.M.S. CONWAY is now a hulk on the mud of Menai Straits, but this famous boys' training establishment for the Royal Navy and Merchant Service still carries on its traditions. The school is now on dry land, but still known as H.M.S. Conway.

In an item called *Quit Ye Like Men*, on BBC Children's TV this Thursday, the cameras will take viewers to the shore establishment on the estate of the Marquess of Anglesey. Douglas Duff, an old Conway boy, and Alun Williams will give young viewers a glimpse of the life of the boys under the flag of the famous ship. The original Conway, by the way, fought at the Battle of the Nile in 1798.

ERNEST THOMSON

## KIWI WITH A BROKEN LEG

A bird with its leg in plaster is a most unusual sight, but they have been treating one in this way at Wellington Zoo, New Zealand.

It was a kiwi, found, alas, as other birds are, with his leg caught and broken in an opossum trap. But although the kiwi is the national emblem of New Zealand, it is scarce, and so this one was rushed to Wellington Zoo.

A Gypsona Plaster of Paris cast was applied and in a fortnight the bird's leg was completely healed. An experiment had succeeded for formerly kiwis had their broken bones put in splints but had always died.

## IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

## Savoy burned down

JUNE 13, 1381. LONDON—The great Savoy Palace, handsome London residence of the Duke of Lancaster, John of Gaunt, was today utterly wrecked and set ablaze by the mob of peasant rebels who have marched on London under the leadership of a Kentish craftsman known as Wat Tyler.

The Duke is absent on the Border, negotiating a treaty of peace with the Scots, and the slender guard at the Palace was soon overpowered.

The rebels broke into the treasure house and dragged out coffers full of priceless possessions. The mob smashed the furnishings, tore down the tapestries, and then set fire to the Palace.

The Savoy Palace was built by Peter, Count of Savoy and Earl of Richmond, and has been one of the great sights of London for more than 100 years. It covered three acres beside the Thames, and in that setting its succession of white walls made a beautiful picture. A notable feature of the building was the slender gilded spire of the private chapel.

The peasants rose in revolt against the new "poll tax" a week ago in Kent. On June 7 they seized Rochester Castle, and chose Wat Tyler as their captain for their advance on London.

(The Savoy Hotel now stands on the site of the Palace, and in the forecourt is a statue of Peter, Count of Savoy.)

## King defeated at Naseby

JUNE 14, 1645. NORTHAMPTON—Near the village of Naseby, 12 miles from here, the Royalist forces of King Charles I were today utterly defeated by the Parliamentary Army.

Of the 7500 Royalists under the command of King Charles and his nephew Prince Rupert no fewer than 5000 were taken prisoner. The Royalist artillery train was captured, and among equipment seized was baggage containing the King's private correspondence.

The Parliamentary Army of 14,000 was commanded by General Sir Thomas Fairfax, supreme commander of Parliament's new "Model Army", and Lieut-Gen. Oliver Cromwell.

At 10.30 this morning the Royalist forces—every man wear-

ing a beanshoot in his hat as a distinguishing badge—attacked the Parliamentary positions on Dust Hill, north of Naseby Village.

The advance was met with a salvo from Fairfax's guns, and the Parliamentarians advanced, shouting "God our strength!"

At a critical point of the battle the King spurred his horse to lead a charge of the Royal Horse Guards himself, to relieve his hard-pressed infantry, but Lord Carnwath seized the King's bridle. "Will you go unto your death?" he cried, and compelled the King to leave the field.

Prince Rupert's devoted "Blue-coats" fought to the end, and the King fled nearly 30 miles from the battlefield to Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

## Spanish treasure captured

JUNE 15, 1744. PORTSMOUTH—Under its gallant captain George Anson, the Centurion anchored at Spithead today with Spanish treasure valued at more than half a million pounds.

The Centurion is the only survivor of a little squadron of six ships which set sail nearly four years ago for the Pacific. Two of the six were driven back by storms before they rounded Cape Horn, another was completely lost.

With a total crew of 961 men the other three sailed on. But one, The Trial, had to be abandoned; and another, The Gloucester, became unseaworthy and was burned.

This left only the Centurion

and 335 men and boys of the original 961. But the courageous Captain Anson encouraged his comrades to sail on and waylay the Spanish ship sailing yearly from Manila. There were 600 aboard the Spaniard, but the Centurion's men defeated them and captured the treasure.

The Centurion returned home via the Cape of Good Hope, and yesterday took advantage of a thick fog to slip past the French fleet cruising in the Channel. She had sailed right round the world.

The treasure is to be paraded in triumph through London on 32 wagons with the ship's company marching alongside.

## RESCUE BY CANOE

When two of his friends capsize in a sailing dinghy half a mile out from Minnis Bay, near Birchington, Michael Boyes, aged 14, went out in his canoe to rescue them. They were clinging to their overturned craft, but on his arrival they hung on to his canoe and were then paddled slowly back to shore.

The Margate lifeboat and a pilot boat also went to the scene, and an Albatross of the American 66 Rescue Squadron from Manston circled over the sea.

## PROMOTED

Nearly 50 years ago a small Scots schoolboy used to dash from school and slip into the huge Assembly Hall in Edinburgh. Taking a seat in the gallery beside his mother, a minister's widow, he would eagerly follow the discussions of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

That little schoolboy is now the Right Rev. Dr. R. F. V. Scott, of St. Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, and he has just been installed in the Church of Scotland's highest office, that of Moderator of the General Assembly.

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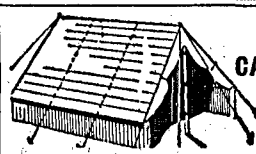
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# ALL THE QUEEN'S HORSES AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

JUST behind Buckingham Palace and well hidden from public view are the big stables of the Queen's horses and carriages.

In the Palace wall along the road leading to Victoria Station is a small doorway, and on a Wednesday afternoon there are always several people gathered outside it. In the summer there may be as many as a thousand people, many children among them, waiting for one of the Queen's men to show them all the Queen's horses. (Tickets are obtained by writing in advance to the Superintendent, Royal Mews.)

If you are ever able to pay a visit, you will find that a few steps inside bring you beneath an archway into a great courtyard, where one of the grooms takes your party in charge. For when the crowd is a big one it must be split up into convenient groups, each small enough to be addressed by one man.

## AS BIG AS A BUS

Perhaps you may be lucky enough to start with a close look at the magnificent State Coach used at the Coronation, and also when her Majesty drives down to open Parliament. It stands in a special apartment, or coach-house, which opens out of the courtyard, and if you have only seen pictures of this wonderful vehicle, surrounded by crowds, you will be surprised how big it is.

It looks just about as long and high as a London bus, and in point of fact it is 24 feet long, 12 feet high, and weighs 4 tons. (A London bus is just under 26 feet long, 14 feet high, and weighs, unloaded, 8 tons.) The width of the coach is just about the same as that of a bus—8 feet.

## GOOD VIEW OF THE SOVEREIGN

This State Coach was ordered when George II came to the throne and was delivered by the makers in 1762. A great amount of window-space was provided so that the crowds on State occasions could have a good view of their sovereign. In fact, there is so much window that it is often called the Glass Coach.

The framework of the body is made in the likeness of eight palm trees which branch at the top and hold up the roof. And the figures of muscular sea-gods, called Tritons, hold up the body by metal braces covered in morocco leather. The whole is a mass of gilt and painting.

The coach is pulled by eight horses, with a postilion for each pair, and the brakes have to be applied by footmen walking behind and operating a double-handed crank at the rear. It was, of course, always meant to go at walking pace.

The horses for it are the famous

Windsor Greys, and they can be seen in the big stable under the arch at the far end. Handsome creatures they are, ten of them altogether—eight for the coach and two more for outriders. Their stable is big, light, and airy, and the entrance to each stall is carefully padded with matting.

## SLEEK AND STRONG

These aristocrats have their names set above their stalls—Grafton, Tipperary, and Eisenhower, for instance; Wavell, Tovey, Snow White, and Castledermot. The last-named is noticeably taller than the others, and he is, in fact, one of the two outriders' mounts.

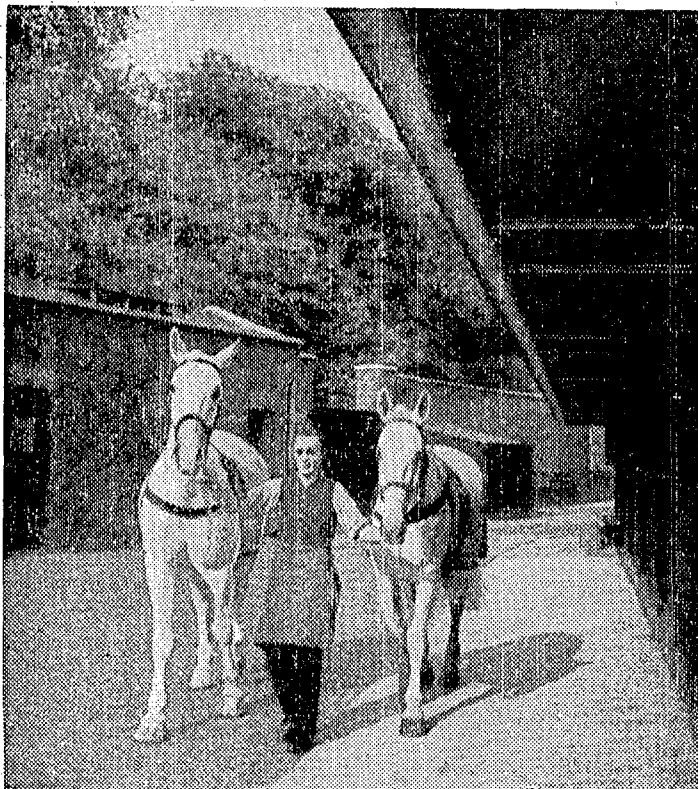
These animals are lovely examples of sleek strength. They need to be, for the harness used for the State Coach weighs 100 lb. and the bridles alone weigh 14 lb. each. So

for some weeks before the coach goes out the Windsor Greys are exercised with full harness daily.

The harness is decorated with brass or copper overlaid with silver gilt and is kept in glass cases in a room next the stable. It is one man's job to keep it clean, and he starts at one end of the cases and works round to the other and then begins all over again.

In adjoining cases is the most surprising collection of whips made of all kinds of material from holly to ivory. One, which belonged to Queen Victoria, is ingeniously combined with a parasol. She used to carry it when driving her children in a pony coach-and-four at Sandringham.

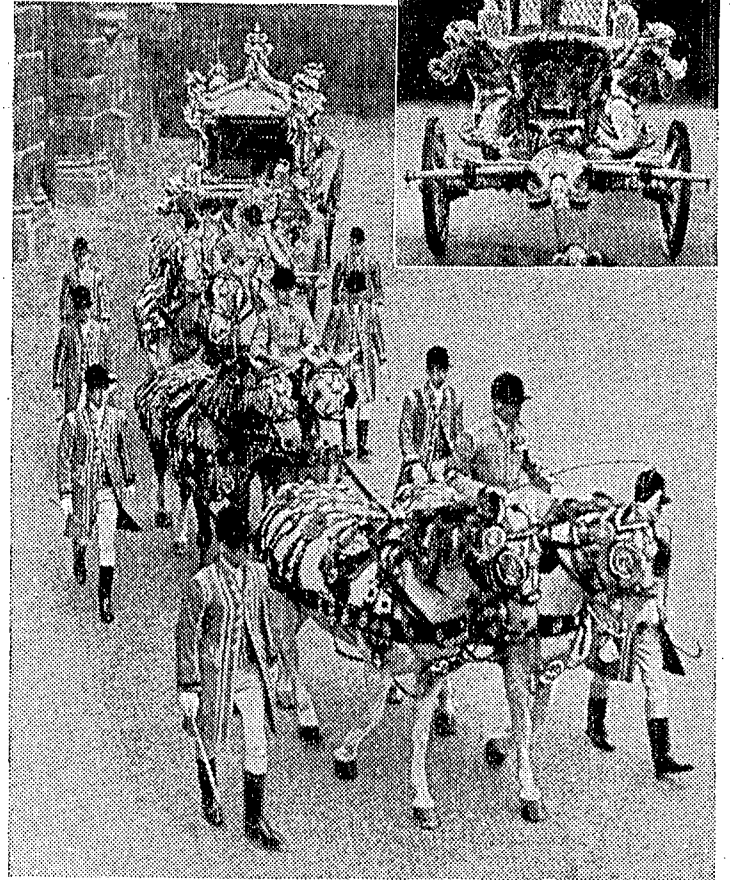
Farther along the room is a collection of saddles, among them being Queen Victoria's side-saddle, a Libyan saddle of purple velvet,



Two of the Windsor Greys at home



A visitor to the Royal Stables finds a new friend



Eight of the famous Windsor Greys are required to draw the magnificent State Coach, which weighs four tons

a Mexican saddle, and a cowboy saddle. There is also the pony bridle used by George V when he was a small boy and the harness presented to his own children by the Showmen of England.

At the end of the yard is the big riding school, a huge room with its floor covered in tan. Here the Queen has often ridden the famous police horse Winston when practising for ceremonial occasions.

On the other side of the arch from the Windsor Grey stables is another big room in which various royal vehicles are on show. One

is the handsome State Road Landau, a four-wheeled carriage with the top made in two halves which can be raised or lowered independently. It is drawn by four horses.

Another is the Barouche (also four-wheeled, but with only one half of the top collapsible), used by the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, and the Royal children at the ceremony of Trooping the Colour. This is smaller than a landau, and drawn by a pair of greys.

## HORSES AND HAWKS

The stables of Buckingham Palace are known as the Royal Mews. The name was originally applied to the old Whitehall Palace stables, which stood where the National Gallery is today. This queer word "mews" comes from a Latin one meaning to change, and it was originally used for the place where tame hawks were kept while they "mewed" or changed their feathers, or, in other words, while they were moulting.

When hawking was a favourite royal sport it was convenient to keep the horses where the hawks were kept. So "mews" in time came to mean "stables", and is so used in London today for many small streets in the West End where horses and carriages were kept in Victorian times.

The name Royal Mews followed the Sovereign's stable when it was moved from Charing Cross to Buckingham Palace in 1825. That is the date on the weathercock over the Entrance Arch.

A. V. I.



There is a whole roomful of fine harness to see



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## WELL PLAYED—SIR!

EVERYONE is pleased that Len Hutton—our Len—has been given a knighthood.

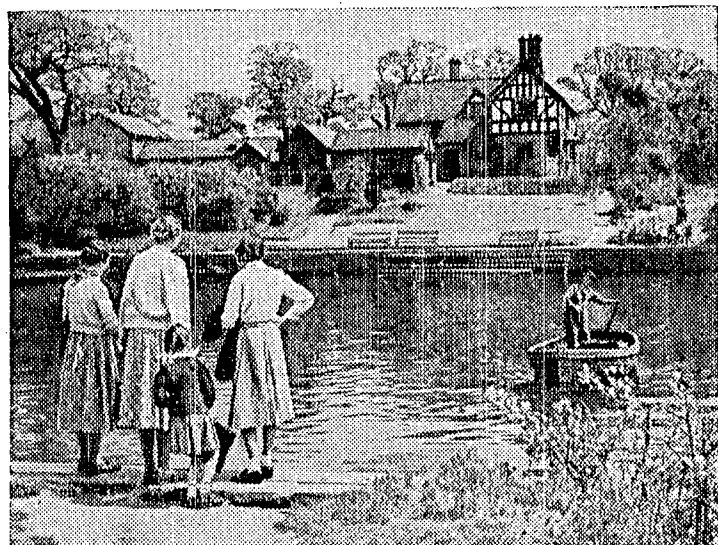
He is a great cricketer and a great sportsman, a man who has won universal admiration as much for his modesty as for his wonderful achievements. As Captain of England he bore the burden of responsibility with a dignity and tact never surpassed—and with success.



There was something in that determined figure, refusing to be flurried by bad luck or turned aside from his determined course, which meant that England's fortunes were in very capable hands.

If ever a man concentrated on winning the match it was Len Hutton. He concentrated on it every minute he was at the wicket or in the field. But he did much more; he played the finest of all English games in the best possible spirit.

Now that he has retired this Birthday Honour has brought the biggest and longest round of applause that even "Our Len" ever received.



OUR HOMELAND

# The Editor's Table

## SWISS VICTORY

ON the day of the Queen's Coronation we were all thrilled by the news that a British expedition had conquered Mount Everest; that for the first time two men had stood on the highest point of the Earth.

Almost exactly three years later a Swiss party of mountaineers, led by Dr. Albert Eggler, have repeated that great triumph twice, on successive days; moreover, they added to their achievement by scaling the hitherto unclimbed Lhotse, twin peak of Everest and the world's fourth highest.

Sir John Hunt, leader of the successful British Everest Expedition, was among the first to applaud the Swiss climbers. "A very fine show indeed," he said. And so say all of us!

## Think on These Things

ISAIAH tells us about that great day in his life when he received a call from God to serve Him and to be a prophet. He was in the Temple one Sabbath day, taking part in the worship, when he saw a vision of the glory of God, magnificent and glorious beyond all telling.

When God's call went forth for someone to do a particular piece of work, Isaiah offered himself.

When we come to worship God in church we are reminded that because of Jesus we are forgiven. Then we go on to praise and adore God in our hymns and psalms. We listen to the readings from the Bible and learn what God would have us to do.

Then we go back to our home and daily work to live for God, and do all for Him. O. R. C.

## LOWLY BORN

I SWEAR tis better to be lowly born,  
And range with humble livers  
in content,  
Than to be perked up in a  
glistening grief,  
And wear a golden sorrow.

Shakespeare

## The threat to the woodlands

RECENT heath and woodland fires have tragically reminded everyone of the immense havoc that carelessness may cause. In fact, the risk of an uncontrollable blaze starting in tinder-dry woodlands is so great that the Home Office has appealed to picnickers not to light any kind of fire during dry weather, nor even to use oil or spirit stoves.

It is a grim thought that a smouldering match or cigarette-end may result in a fire like the one which spread over 20 square miles of Brecon Beacons and destroyed 50,000 trees. Even broken bottles can act as burning glasses to start a heathland blaze.

One little thoughtless act may cause a great disaster.

## Best meal of all



A meal eaten in the open always tastes better than any cooked indoors. That is the opinion of young Paul Greaves, of the 13th Bebbington Scout Troop in Cheshire.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,  
June 19, 1926

A WRITER has said that the authorities ought to treat slum dwellers as reptiles. How abominable it sounds! But listen to his explanation.

The new reptile house at the Zoo is to be built of Vita glass, which does not rob sunlight of the valuable violet ray, and there will be a perfect system of supplying fresh air. Artificial sunlight will be called in to eke out London's rather poor supply of the genuine article. In fact, no hospital or convalescent home could be better equipped, and, says the writer we are quoting, if only our slums could be rebuilt with as much scientific thought for the comfort and health of their tenants London would be a glorious place!

## JUST AN IDEA

As the proverb has it: The best work in the world is done on the quiet.

## THEY SAY...

A WELL-BEHAVED cow in any civilised country ought to give 800 gallons of milk a year.  
Mr. W. Coldrick, M.P.

If all the nations of the world played cricket it would be a happy world.  
Sir Thomas White

PLAYING fields should be floodlit on dark evenings so men and women can join in athletics after they have finished work.  
The Duke of Sutherland

THE Bible is not a text-book to be swotted, but a guide-book to living as God directed.  
Rev. W. M. R. Rusk, of Aberdeen

## QUIZ CORNER

1. What language do the Swiss speak?
2. What is meant by the term "sitting on the fence"?
3. In which year did this country first have Summer Time?
4. How do you write 1956 in Roman numerals?
5. How fast can a racing-pigeon fly?
6. Who is 4th in succession to the British Throne?

Answers on page 12

## Out and About

A RAPID, harsh call of "chaik-chaik-chaik" sounds through the woods and there is a flash of colour—orange-pink, Cambridge-blue, white and black—between the trees. It is the plumage of a jay moving off as we approach.

A pair of jays have been nesting here and are feeding four young who look as uncouth as young cuckoos. The parents are very handsome, but that call of theirs is an unpleasant sound to smaller birds in the area. Some of these have probably lost young ones recently, for it is not only the crow who likes fledglings.

Besides attacking baby birds, jays eat the eggs too and have been photographed in the very act.

It is in the breeding season that jays are robbers and murderers, to get extra food quickly. At other times, when foraging only for themselves, they are usually content with worms and snails, spiders and insects, grubs and nuts.  
C. D. D.

## GOD'S WAY

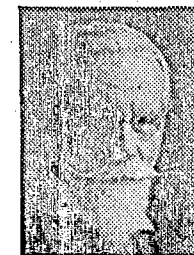
WHEN a wrong wants righting, or a truth wants preaching, or a continent wants opening, God sends a baby into the world to do it.  
F. W. Boreham

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## Next Week's Birthdays

June 17

Sir William Crookes (1832-1919). British scientist whose work changed the whole idea of chemistry and physics. He discovered the element thallium, and made early experiments with cathode rays. Atomic scientists owe much to his researches.



June 18

Viscount Castlereagh (1769-1822). As war minister under Pitt he was responsible for appointing the future Duke of Wellington as commander-in-chief. Foreign Secretary and leader of the House of Commons at the close of the Napoleonic Wars, he became noted throughout Europe for his diplomacy.

June 19

James I (1566-1625). After a period of troubled rule as James VI of Scotland he became James I of England on the death of Elizabeth in 1603. The Authorised Version of the Bible was published with his support.

June 20

Theophilus Lindsey (1723-1808). Founder of the first Unitarian Chapel. A devoted minister in the Church of England, he became convinced of the truth of Unitarianism, the belief that God exists in one Person and denies the doctrine of the Trinity.

June 21

Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck (1884). Commanded expedition to Narvik during the German invasion of Norway, 1940. Became Commander-in-Chief Middle East, 1941, during the height of Rommel's success in the Western Desert.



He saved Egypt from invasion and his work in reorganising the Eighth Army bore fruit later at Alamein.

June 22

Giuseppe Mazzini (1805-1872). Italian patriot. His work for a united Italy involved much hardship and many years' exile, some of it spent in London.

June 23

H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor (1894). As Prince of Wales he carried out a number of world tours and particularly supported the cause of ex-Servicemen. His personal charm made him a much-loved figure. He abdicated in 1936, after a reign of less than a year as Edward VIII.



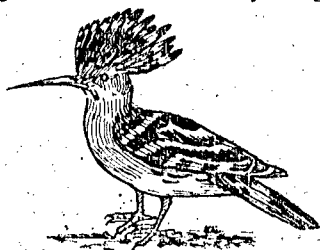
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## REPORT ON WILD LIFE

# HAVE YOU SEEN A HOOPOE?

THE kingfisher is not famous for its song, but in Devonshire, where bird life is as rich and varied as the scenery, a bird-watcher at Aveton Gifford saw one perched on a willow and listened to it singing, off and on, for an hour. In the same county the kestrel was seen to catch a great green grasshopper and eat it on the wing, just as I have seen it catch and eat locusts abroad.

Farther west, in Cornwall, bird life is often richer still, and from Week St. Mary a C N reader writes to tell us she saw a hoopoe land in the road near her home not long ago. This handsome sandy-orange



The Hoopoe

bird with vividly banded black and white wings and tail, a thin, curved bill, and a crest which it erects at times, migrates every Spring from Mediterranean lands to the West Country.

Hoopoes pass through this territory from early March into June. But farther north they are not nearly such regular visitors, so it was interesting to hear about another which visited a garden at Aughton, in West Lancashire, where the migration period of the hoopoe is from late April to June.

These birds nest only rarely in Britain. But I remember watching one that nested annually in a hole near the gate to the British Embassy in Cairo, where the hoopoe is a common bird.

Around the sandy shores of Britain the big black-and-white shelduck is nesting in old, deserted rabbit burrows. Next month many of these fine ducks will migrate across the North Sea to moult in the German Bight. But in the West Country bird-watchers will be able to observe three or four thousand

of them, because, instead of migrating in July like the others, they remain in Bridgwater Bay on the Bristol Channel and moult there. They lose the orange ring of feathers on their necks and their flight-feathers in the process.

Meanwhile, the shelduck from elsewhere in Britain go to the great Knechtstand sandbank at the mouth of the Elbe for their summer moult. About 75,000 of these fine ducks will then be flightless and helpless until they have grown their new quills.

## SAFE FROM BOMBS

The International Committee for Bird Preservation has at last secured their protection, for many birds used to be killed when the sandbank was used for bombing practice, but now no live bombs will be dropped there during July, August, and September. Perhaps you may see a skein of migrating shelduck travelling across country at dusk next month.

The I.C.P.B. is trying to protect the rare birds of other lands whose fate is often more of our concern than we might know. For example, a very rare bird of Venezuela, the black-headed red siskin, is being smuggled out of this South American country, where it is protected by law, because it is in demand for crossing with canaries. It is still seen in bird shops in various countries.

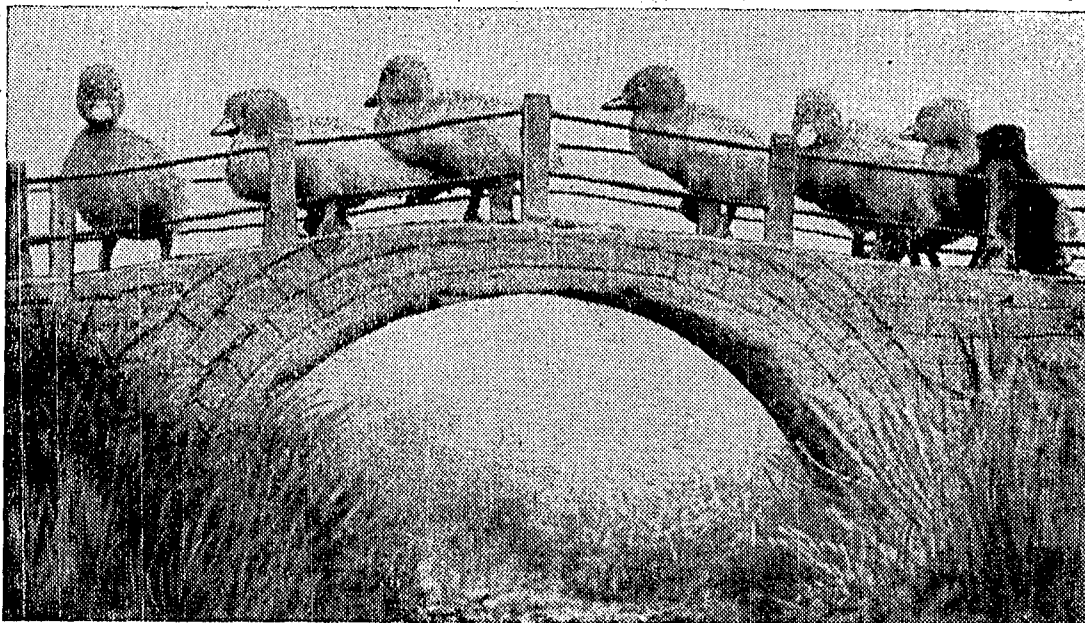
## SHRIMP WITH TWO HEADS

The grey jungle fowl of India is another protected bird, and its export from India is prohibited because a demand for its feathers by makers of salmon-flies might lead to its extermination.

A double-headed shrimp caught in Morecambe Bay is a real curiosity of the seaside. Keep your eyes open this summer and you, too, may make some interesting finds.

Biologists of the Ministry of Agriculture have been trying a new type of button identity-tag for herrings off Whitby, on the Yorkshire coast. Nine out of over 2000 thus marked have been recovered—one from a lady who discovered the tag on a kipper after she had cooked the fish. Marking these

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## Why get wet?

There is no sense in getting your feet wet when there is a bridge over the stream. These follow-my-leader ducklings were photographed at the Chessington Zoo, Surrey.

## HISTORIC DOCUMENTS FOR MALTA

A collection of more than 4000 documents concerning the Knights of St. John has been given to the Maltese Government by the Wellcome Foundation. They were probably taken to France by Napoleon, after his occupation of Malta in 1798, and they were bought at Paris in 1933 by Sir Henry Wellcome. He thought they would make a useful addition to his great Library of Medical History, but they have been found to have no bearing on the hospital and nursing activities of the Knights.

The documents deal chiefly with the "family trees" of individual Knights of St. John. A recruit to this Order had to prove that he belonged to a noble family, and it is possible that these records were taken to France because the

herrings has shown that they migrate from the East Coast and the southern North Sea into the English Channel as far as Dieppe, and back again into the North Sea.

Of 560 lobsters marked on their claws with yellow plastic discs along the Llyn peninsula of Wales recently, 185 have been returned. Most were found not to have travelled more than two miles, although a few had gone up to six miles.

E. H.

Revolutionary government wanted to prevent French aristocrats using any of them in trying to reclaim their lands and privileges.

The Knights of Malta originated in a hospital at Jerusalem founded for the benefit of Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land, and their badge was the now familiar eight-pointed star. During the Crusades they also started a military order to fight the Saracens, and this was known as the Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Driven out of Palestine, the Knights went to Cyprus and then to Rhodes. In 1530 they settled in Malta, where they flourished for 268 years, constantly at war with the Turks and pirates.

They continued their charitable work after being banished from Malta by Napoleon. Our English Order of St. John of Jerusalem, descended from the other, was revived in 1834, and one of its offshoots is the St. John Ambulance Association, which still has the ancient eight-pointed star as its badge.

Now Maltese historians will be able to add to the stirring and often strange story of the Knights who, whatever their faults, preserved and handed on the shining ideals of Christian compassion.

## NEW YORK IS SHORT OF TICKER-TAPE

New York's traditional welcome for distinguished visitors is to fling miles of ticker-tape from the windows of Broadway skyscrapers from which it descends like a cascade of streamers. But this is going to be difficult in future.

For years this tape has been used for the automatically recorded telegraph reports from the Stock Exchange. But now it is being replaced in many New York business houses by a board on which a device flashes the reports as they come in.

Ticker-tape is therefore getting into short supply. So enthusiasts for tradition are hoarding their supplies in order that the next famous guest who is honoured with a ceremonial drive up Broadway may be greeted in the familiar style.

## YOUNG COMPOSER'S SUCCESS

An opera written by a 17-year-old Epsom girl, Janette Potter, has won first prize in the Children's Opera Group Competition for Young Composers.

Based on Grimm's story of the Frog Prince, her work is for narrator, piano, and flute. It will be performed at the group's matinee in the Rudolph Steiner Theatre, London, on June 30.

Janette, who began writing music before she was five, is now a pupil of Lennox Berkeley, the famous composer.

## STAMP ALBUM



## FILM STARS ON STAMPS

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## PATHFINDER IN THE BUSH

June 20 is the centenary of the birth of a great Australian explorer, David Lindsay, a pathfinder in what were then unknown regions of the great island continent. One of his most daring feats was to ride right across Australia, from north to south, accompanied only by a young Aborigine.

Born in South Australia, the son of a Scot from Dundee, David Lindsay grew up longing to know more about those regions of his native land where no white man had ever ventured. And when he was 17 his yearning to explore them led him to join the Survey Department.

Ten years later he led his first expedition—across Arnhem Land. Next he explored Central Australia, and found rubies in the Macdonnell Range. In 1891 he led an expedition which in 35 days travelled 550 miles across the Great Victorian Desert.

### LAST DISCOVERY

His journeys produced rich results, among them being the opening up of the great Western Australian goldfield.

David Lindsay's last discovery was in the Northern Territory, then regarded as one vast wilderness. He found wide pastoral areas and wild cotton growing in profusion and in 1912 the Government established a model farm there. Alas, nothing came of it. The horses were the prey of pests; the sheep were poisoned by seeds; the dairy cattle died of heat or were eaten by crocodiles; white ants devoured the wooden buildings.

But David Lindsay thrived on hardship and danger. The born pathfinder, ever blazing a trail, he was still studying the possibilities of developments in the Northern Territory when he died at Port Darwin in 1922.

Australians still remember him as one of that dauntless band of pioneers who opened up the hidden places of their island continent.

SEVEN CRICKETING BROTHERS  
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IN THE EARLY DAYS OF CRICKET  
GROOVES WERE CUT WITH A KNIFE  
TO MARK THE CREASES

## 300 BRAVE YEARS OF THE GRENADIERS

Every British boy has felt his pulse quicken on hearing the rousing tune of The British Grenadiers, with its opening words:

*Some talk of Alexander,  
And some of Hercules.  
Of Hector and Lysander,  
And such great names as these ...*

The lively air is the march of the famous Grenadier Guards, who are now celebrating their 300th anniversary—300 years of glorious history which is amply reflected in an exhibition at St. James's Palace, open until June 23. It is a wonderful display of paintings, uniforms, trophies, and many other treasures which are eloquent of a long and proud tradition.

### KING'S BODYGUARD

The regiment began its career in 1656, when loyal supporters of King Charles the Second were formed into a bodyguard for him during his exile at Bruges. Later they became part of the British Army as the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards. They were given the title of Grenadier after the Battle of Waterloo, in which they defeated the Grenadier Regiment of Napoleon's Imperial Guard.

Many of the exhibits are works

of art, and there are others with a fascinating history. A romantic tale, for instance, lies behind a scarlet cloak and two Venetian lamps. It began at the capture of Seville in 1812 when a Guards officer, Captain Hon. Orlando Bridgeman, came upon a French officer, Capitaine de Marbot, lying badly wounded in the leg. The Frenchman begged his captor, if he happened to get to Madrid, to tell his fiancée that he was a prisoner, and so could not meet her as arranged.

### HARVEST HOME

Once again a big party of young people from abroad are coming to Britain to help with the harvest.

There are about 1500 of them, and they are sponsored by Concordia, an organisation which fosters international friendship among young people. The young visitors are all aged between 16 and 25, and are mostly university and college students. Nine camps are being prepared in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Essex, Wiltshire, Cambridgeshire and South Wales. The different nationalities—European, Turkish, Egyptian, and Syrian—are combined into groups for camping.

In Madrid Captain Bridgeman sought out the young lady and, at her urgent request, arranged for her to escape to the coast. As she left Madrid she handed the gallant officer her red silk cloak as a token of her gratitude. "It is all I have to give you," she said.

Three years later Captain Bridgeman was in Paris and heard that after many adventures the lady had found her capitaine, and that they were now married and living in a chateau. To their great delight he paid them a visit, and when he left Madame de Marbot insisted on making him a gift of the two Venetian lamps—a gift to commemorate an act of chivalry.

### NEW PORTRAIT

Notable among the works of art now to be seen at St. James's Palace are pictures by Reynolds, Zoffany, Wootton, Allan Ramsay, and Hogarth. Also, on view for the first time, is Raymond Kanelba's new portrait of the Queen in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Grenadier Guards, as she will be seen on June 23 when she reviews the regiment at Windsor.

Truly, when the Grenadiers march to their familiar tune a proud tradition marches with them.

## FIND THE BABY!

Some interesting additions have been made to the Museum of Costume at Eridge Castle, near Tunbridge Wells, described in CN of September 10 last year.

One is a complete baby's outfit which was fashionable about 60 years ago. The infant actually wore stays and was also swathed in layers of petticoats, a gown, pelisse, bib, bonnet—and a face-veil. It must have been a puzzle to find the baby!

Another exhibit shows a little boy of the 1780's dressed in a way that most little boys of today would detest. He is wearing a smart cutaway mauve jacket, cream-coloured breeches, white stockings, and buckled shoes.

There is also a Victorian schoolgirl clad in formal attire which no schoolgirl of today would tolerate. Hands in muff, she wears a shapely velvet coat laced up in front, and supports a miniature bustle.

The evolution of dress, as illustrated at Eridge Castle, gives us some fascinating glimpses of everyday life in the past. The Museum can be reached by bus from Tunbridge Wells, and is open every day except Mondays until October.

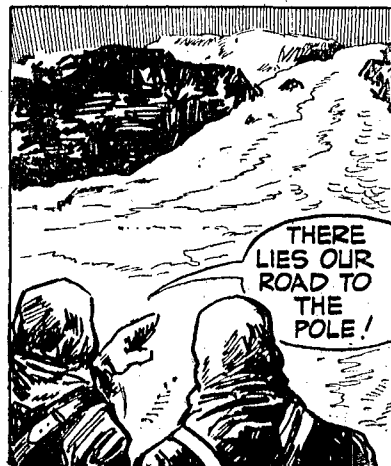
## UP TO THE TOP

A party of East African schoolboys of all races on a course sponsored by the Outward Bound Trust have climbed Gillman's Point on Kibo (over 19,000 feet), the main peak of Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro.

During their five-day ascent the boys were given training in mountain rescue work, rock climbing, and ropework under the guidance of the warden.

Kilimanjaro does not demand any great mountaineering experience, but great physical fitness is required to reach its western summit, Kibo or "Ngaje Nga," the House of God, as it is called by the local Masai tribesmen. It is an endurance test, and many fail to reach the top. So the boys did very well.

## THE SHACKLETON SAGA—new picture-story of a great Antarctic explorer (3)



On November 26, 1908, they were thrilled to pass the farthest point south reached by Captain Scott in 1902. But the sun was now uncomfortably hot by day, and they sometimes marched stripped to their shirts. The glare caused a painful complaint, snow blindness, which often obliged them to wear goggles. In spite of their care for the ponies, three of them had had to be shot, and they had only one left to haul a sledge.

When they reached the mountains, they climbed one and saw a mighty glacier. From the top of it, they believed, stretched the plateau on which the Pole was situated. They camped, then in colder weather began the tough ascent—across uneven ice that contained deep chasms often covered by treacherous snow bridges.

Next day a snow bridge over a deep crevasse gave way under the pony's weight, and as the poor animal fell its attachment broke and it plunged to instant death. The sledge itself became stuck at the top of the chasm, and but for that Wild, who had been leading the pony, would have followed it. The others rushed back to help Wild.

Now they had to pull the sledges themselves their journey became harder than ever. Hauling the sledges over slippery ice ridges was back-breaking work. Snow bridges over crevasses again gave way under them, and they were only saved from falling hundreds of feet by the sledges and their harness holding them. They were cut and bruised and—hungry.

Can they reach the great plateau under these conditions? See next week's instalment



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# THANKS TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings has seen matron carrying lunches to the staff room and, not knowing they were for the school accountants, he assumes they were extra lunches for the staff. He indignantly tells his friends of his discovery.

## 3. Food for thought

THE rest period that afternoon was remarkable for its air of restlessness. As the news of Jennings' discovery spread, his theory gained many supporters. Even those who doubted it tried their hardest to believe, for even the faintest suspicion that the rumour might be true gave them a sense of grievance that was somehow immensely satisfying.

"Still, you can't prove it," argued Bromwich major, who, with Venables, headed a noisy minority of disbelievers. "Old Jennings is always getting things round his neck. I bet this is just another of his bat-witted ideas."

"No, it isn't. I bet you what you like I'm right, and, what's more, I'll prove it."

"How?"

"Well, I'll—er—I'll—"

At that moment Atkinson burst into the library with a warning of impending danger.

"Ssh! Look out! Old Wilkie'll be round in a minute. I saw him come out of the staff room with Mr. Carter. Heading this way, by the look of it."

Books were hurriedly opened and frowns of concentration appeared on the brows of the studious readers.

## Polite refusal

When Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Carter entered the library a few moments later they found the occupants engaged in silent reading. Under cover of his library book, Bromwich caught Jennings' eye and mouthed silently:

"Now's your chance. Prove it, if you're so clever."

Jennings thought hard. He had a bag of liquorice allsorts in his pocket. He would see how the furtive feasters reacted to the sight of yet more food.

"Would you like a sweet, sir?" he inquired, politely proffering the screwed-up bag to Mr. Carter.

"That's very kind of you, Jennings, but I don't think I could manage one at the moment. Too soon after lunch."

Darbshire and Temple exchanged glances. Which lunch was Mr. Carter referring to? They watched as Jennings held out the sweets to Mr. Wilkins, who, with some difficulty, extricated one of the sticky objects from the congealed mass in the bag.

"Thank you, Jennings," he said. "H'm! Extremely good these

sweets, Carter. You should have had one."

Mr. Carter laughed.

"I couldn't eat another thing," he protested.

As soon as the masters had left the room Jennings turned to Bromwich with a cry of triumph.

"What did I tell you? Doesn't that prove I'm right?"

Bromwich looked blank.

"It doesn't prove anything at all. One of them accepted and the other one didn't, so you're back where you started."

"Don't be so dim, Bromwich! Mr. Carter said 'no' because he's



Jennings talked a great deal about his discovery

so full already, and he hasn't even got room for a liquorice allsort," Jennings explained. "Therefore he must have had two lunches."

"But Old Wilkie did take one!"

"That just shows how greedy he is. Two lunches and he still isn't satisfied!"

There were some who doubted the logic of Jennings' argument. But gradually their resentment cooled as their thoughts turned to more immediate matters, and by bedtime most of the boys had dismissed the topic from their minds.

Not so Jennings! He talked a great deal about his discovery as he sat up in bed in Dormitory 4 that evening, waiting for the master on duty to come round and put out the lights.

## Jennings' idea

"It came to me in a flash, Darbi, as soon as matron told me where she was taking the—"

"All right—all right," protested Darbshire. "What are you going to do about it? March up to Old Wilkie and tell him he ought to go on a diet?"

"Don't be crazy!" Jennings replied with a shrug of impatience. "I was only thinking that if the masters can do that and get away with it, why shouldn't we do the same?"

"Who's being crazy now?" chimed in Venables. "Where are we going to get fifty-six meals a week from, for a kick-off?"

"We could have just one, couldn't we?" Jennings argued. "A really first-class, secret feast with so much to eat that we shan't feel hungry till—well, till the next meal, anyway."

The idea had possibilities.

"Where should we have it?" asked Atkinson, showing interest for the first time.

"Here in the dorm, of course. Just us five."

"I've got a tin of sardines we could start off with," Temple suggested.

"And I've got some mustard and cress I'm growing on wet blotch," added Darbshire.

## Banquet arranged

Jennings dismissed the offers with a snort of contempt.

"Sardines! Mustard and blotch!" he said scornfully. "That sort of thing is all right for a snack, but if we're going to lay on a really first-class banquet, surely we can find something better than mouldy sardines and blotting-paper sandwiches."

"Hear, hear! Let's have a proper cooked meal," Venables suggested. "Meat and potatoes, suet dumplings, blancmange—the lot, all hot!"

"Yes, but half a minute! Where are we going to get the meat and veg. and stuff from?" Temple queried. "And besides that, we've got to find somewhere to cook it."

It was Atkinson who came to the rescue.

"You can leave all that side of it to me," he offered in a burst of generosity. "My grandmother's coming down to see me on Thursday, and she always brings masses of food."

"Raw meat and potatoes?" queried Darbshire doubtfully.

"Well, no, not as a rule," Atkinson confessed. "But you can buy tins of Irish stew already mixed, and if I wrote and asked her to bring a couple, I bet she wouldn't ask what I wanted it for. All we'd have to do would be to stand the tins on the furnace in the boiler-room and take them off when they were ready."

## Postponed!

The offer was accepted with thanks and the banquet arranged for the following Friday week. It was unlikely that any of them would forget such an important function, but to be on the safe side Jennings entered the engagement in his diary, with a note of the menu to be enjoyed.

Two days later Atkinson retired to the sick bay suffering from tonsillitis. The news cast a pall of gloom over Dormitory 4.

"We'll have to postpone the feast, that's all," Jennings said. "We'll have it as soon as he comes down from sick bay."

"But what about the secret food supplies?" Darbshire queried. "We don't even know whether he's written for them."

As it happened, Atkinson wrote to his grandmother on his second day in the sick bay. He told her

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## GREAT DAY FOR THE ANIMALS

On June 16, 1824, the first meeting of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in London—in Old Slaughter's Coffee House, St. Martin's Lane. A plaque on a motor-car showroom now marks the site.

On this great day for animals we remember the name of Richard Martin, who fought for them so stoutly that when the Bill for their protection was made law it was called Martin's Act.

There was much brutality to animals in Britain in those days, including organised dog-fighting, bear-baiting and bull-baiting, and he found that fireworks were tied to dogs and bulls for fun, and that horses were very often ill-treated.

### CRUELTY CHALLENGED

Martin, son of an Irish landowner, was a Member of Parliament, and he strongly challenged this awful cruelty. But people laughed at his efforts, and his first attempt to protect persecuted animals failed.

He had no intention of accepting defeat, however, and he passed the management of his estates to his son so that he would have more time to devote to his great cause. Not without good reason

did he become known as Humanity Martin.

The next session of Parliament found him again in the House with another Bill. People took a delight in poking fun at him and a sarcastic rhyme was made up and sung in the streets:

*If I had a donkey and he wouldn't go,  
Would I beat him? No, NO, NO!  
I'd put him in a stable and give him some corn,  
As the best little donkey that ever was born.*

On one occasion, during a prosecution for cruelty, the accused started crying, but Martin called out "Stop that bellowing! It's the poor horse that should cry, not you."

On another occasion when Martin had found a man beating a cab horse, he hired the cab and drove it himself just to prove that the horse did not need whipping.

To ensure that people obeyed the Act meant a lot of work and so the first paid inspector for the prevention of cruelty to animals was engaged.

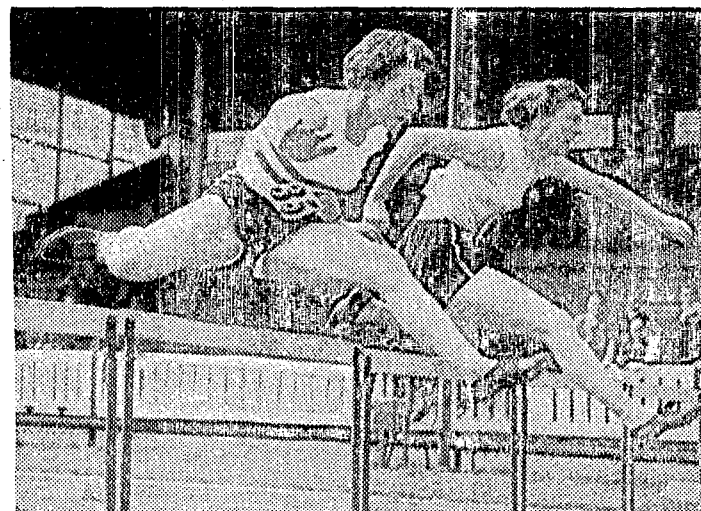
Humanity Martin had achieved a great victory in the defence of animals, and the work which he so nobly started has been carried on ever since.

## SPORTS SHORTS

**A** GOATLAND (Yorkshire) batsman hit five sixes in a recent match, and probably felt very pleased with himself until he was back in the pavilion. Then he learned that those mighty hits had meant three lost balls and damage to the roof of the pavilion and a nearby garage.

**A** NOTHER young cricketer in the news is John Finlay, of the Peter Symons School at Winchester. Playing for Hampshire Schools against Havant Senior XI, he took all ten wickets for only 31 runs. He clean-bowled eight of the Havant side, who presented John with the ball.

**A** NOTHER young sportsman still turning out regularly is 86-year-old "Pop" Lester, who has played for the Staffordshire village cricket team of Yoxall for the past 72 years. Mr. Lester's big regret is that he cannot play football any more. In fact, all last season he had to be content with acting as linesman!



### Hurdling to victory

Thelma Hopkins added another record to her already long list when she beat Margaret Francis's time for the 80 metre hurdles at the recent Universities National Athletic Championships in Manchester. Her time was 11.5 seconds.

**JIM LAKER** is to be given a benefit on Saturday when Surrey oppose Yorkshire, at the Oval. The 34-year-old Yorkshireman from Bradford came South to join Surrey in 1946, since when he has taken over 1300 wickets, and scored more than 6000 runs. With his deceptive off-breaks he has sometimes been almost unplayable, as in the Test trial at Bradford in 1950, when he took eight wickets for two runs. And there was his wonderful feat of taking all ten Australian wickets for 88 at the Oval a few weeks ago. We wish Jim Laker a bumper benefit.

**MANY** cricket enthusiasts collect autographs of favourite players, but Jack Robertson, who opens the batting for Middlesex, is collecting cricketers' voices with a tape recorder. He hopes to persuade some of the Australian tourists to add their voices.

**MR. HARRY KING**, honorary secretary of the Fiji Cricket Association, has been in London to present a painting of Fiji's chief cricket ground to the famous collection at Lord's. He said that a Fijian team hoped to visit this country next season to play county and club sides.

### Nothing like coaching

**PAUL WOOD**, captain of the under-11 cricket team at Thorpe House Preparatory School, Gerrard's Cross, Buckinghamshire, has one ambition—to follow his idol, Denis Compton, and become a professional with Middlesex. In a recent match, Paul scored 124 and then took three wickets and held four catches. He is coached by his father, who is the school's games master.

### Royal send-off

**IT** is hoped that Princess Alexandra will start the runners for the Polytechnic Harriers Marathon on Saturday from Windsor Castle to Chiswick Stadium. Bill McMinnis, of the R.A.F. and Sutton, will be defending the title he won last year in this gruelling race. The course record of 2 hours 17 minutes 39.4 seconds was set up in 1954 by Jim Peters.

**COUNTLESS** tributes were paid to John Beharrell on his great feat of winning the British Amateur Golf Championship at the age of 18 and thus becoming the youngest player ever to win the title. The one that we liked most of all (as he probably did himself) appeared in The Daily Telegraph. "Mr. Beharrell has shown himself a veritable Mozart of the links, and destroyed the bogey of the young that their elders are necessarily their betters."

### Busy holiday



Canoeing is only one of the many activities of the Outward Bound Course at Capel Curig in North Wales. Miriam Williams, from Liverpool, has learned a lot of things, from First Aid to map reading during her very active holiday there.

### Tennis tangle

**AMONG** the newcomers who will compete in the tennis championships at Wimbledon are two sisters, Edda and Ilsa Buding, from Germany. They were born in Rumania, have spent the last seven years in the Argentine, and went to live at Baden-Baden, Germany, only a short time ago. Edda, 19, was rated No. 1 while in the Argentine, and her 16-year-old sister is the junior champion of that country.

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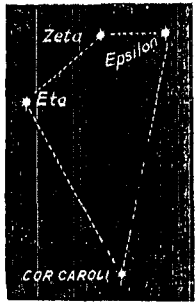
## LOOKING AT THE SKY

## BRIGHT STAR OF KING CHARLES

THE planets Venus and Jupiter are now much nearer to the western horizon, and soon will be disappearing from the evening sky.

Venus sets only about half an hour after the Sun at the beginning of the week, and by the end of it will have gone. At present it appears as a very slender crescent if seen through good binoculars, and is almost at its nearest to us. By Friday, June 22, Venus will be at its nearest point to the Earth and only 26 million miles away. But we shall be unable to see its illuminated surface because it will be almost between us and the Sun.

Jupiter appears to be following Venus into the west, but at present does not set until about midnight. It will therefore be possible, when the sky is dark enough, to see how close it appears to have come to the star Regulus, as was shown would happen in the CN for May 19.



The position of Cor Caroli relative to those of Ursa Major

Jupiter is receding from us and is now about 539 million miles distant.

A star of particular interest to observers in Britain is Cor Caroli, or Charles's Heart. It now passes overhead in the evening, and may be easily identified with the aid of the accompanying star-map.

Cor Caroli is of medium brightness and is situated due south of the three bright stars Epsilon, Zeta, and Eta, which represent the tail of Ursa Major, the Great Bear; these were described in the CN of June 2.

Cor Caroli is now the leading and brightest star in the small constellation of the Hunting Dogs, and in this country symbolises the Heart of King Charles the First. This is because the star was almost at its zenith soon after his son, Charles the Second, landed at Dover on May 26, 1660, after long exile, and Sir Charles Scarborough, the royal physician, declared that it shone with greater brilliance, as though to honour the restoration of his father's throne.

## STAR WITHOUT A NAME

It was at the suggestion of the eminent astronomer Halley (whose name was given to the famous Comet) that this star was known henceforth as Cor Caroli, or Charles's Heart.

The star had apparently been without a title through the ages, though generally included among the vast congregation of The Great Bear. Then, about 30 years after Cor Caroli was so designated, a German astronomer named Hevelius formed a new constellation, Canes Venatici, the Hunting Dogs, out of what he considered the superfluous stars at the rear of Ursa Major, the Great Bear, and of Boötes, the Herdsman of antiquity.

Thus Cor Caroli came to represent also Alpha of Canes Venatici, but it still retains its original symbol—a heart surmounted by a crown and cross.

Observed through a telescope of only two-inch aperture, Cor Caroli is seen to be composed of two stars, the larger one being golden and the other of a lilac hue. Though an immense distance apart, they appear to be linked by gravitation, and possibly the smaller sun revolves in an immense orbit round the larger one.

Their great distance, over 90 light-years' journey, has so far prevented further discoveries, except that the great central sun is similar in type to our own Sun. G. F. M.

## AIRPORT SCARE

When a sinister ticking noise was heard coming from a suitcase at London Airport, the presence of a bomb was suspected.

The owner, together with his suitcase, was taken to an open space and surrounded with steel barriers. Then he was asked to open the case.

Everyone held their breath as he did so and pulled out—a toy car. It was a present for the passenger's daughter in New York; its mechanism had been set off accidentally.

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that he had been placed on a light diet and that he had difficulty in swallowing, so would she kindly bring two large tins of Irish stew when she came to see him.

Mrs. Atkinson, senior, decided that the boy must be delirious. Accordingly, she ignored his plea and set out by car for Linbury on the following Thursday week, with a basket of grapes and a bottle of barley water. When she arrived at Dunhambury, some five miles from the school, it occurred to her that the invalid might like something to cheer him up during his period of convalescence.

## Pet shop

She glanced out of the car window along the crowded High Street and noticed a small shop with packets of bird seed in the window and dog leads festooned round the door. Above the shop front was inscribed:

Dunhambury Pet Stores. H. Fagg, Proprietor.

It looked promising. Mrs. Atkinson, senior, alighted from the car and made her way across the road.

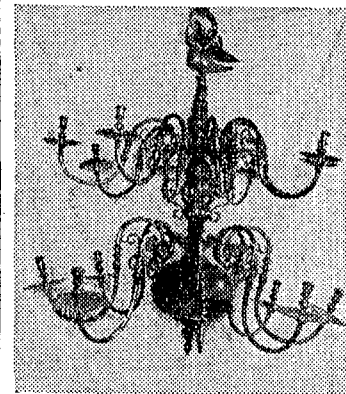
Mr. Wilkins was pinning a notice on the notice-board when Atkinson's grandmother came down the stairs from the sick bay and crossed the hall on her way to the front door.

"Good-afternoon, Mr. Wilkins. I've just been up to see Robin,"

## Lights up again in Milton Ernest

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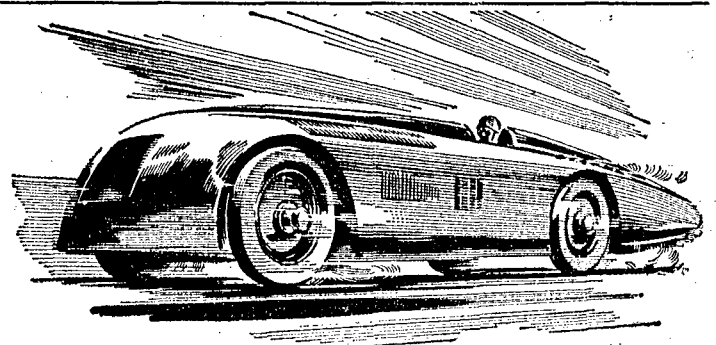
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### SHAGGY BIRD STORY

A PIGEON who lived at Lord's was very fond of watching cricket. One day he flew over to the Oval to see a match there. During the lunch interval he fell into conversation with another pigeon, who, it seemed, had never been to Lord's.

"Why don't you come over tomorrow?" asked the Lord's pigeon. "The Test Match against the Aussies begins then. If you like, I'll meet you on top of the pavilion."

"All right," replied the other, "I'll come over."

On the morrow, however, there was no sign of the Oval pigeon, so the Lord's pigeon, wondering if his new friend had lost his way, decided to fly in the direction of the Oval to see if he could meet him. He had not gone far when he saw him in the roadway. He swooped down and said: "Hallo, what are you doing down here?"

"Oh," came the answer, "it was such a nice day that I thought I'd walk."

### WORD SQUARE

Place the answers to these four clues one under the other and they will form a word square.

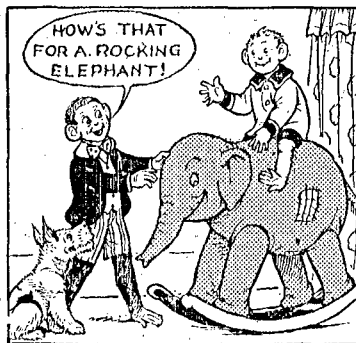
My favourite place.

Mother cooks in it.

A kind of meadow.

People try to make them meet.

Answers in column 5



### ENTERPRISE

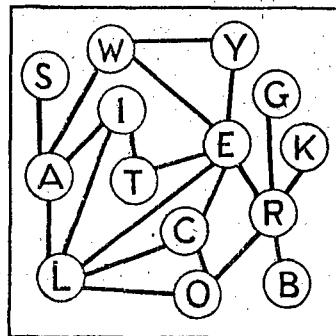
A MAN had fallen in a London street. After a moment he sat up, saying: "Where am I?"

"Ere yar, guv'nor," cried a street hawker, "map of London, one shilling."

### FIND THE JOBS

By starting at certain letters and following the lines you can find the names of eight trades or professions. Can you say what they are?

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